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SUBJ: CEAUSESCU SPEECH AT CLUJ STRESSES SHORTCOMINGS IN PLAN
FULFILLMENT AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

REF: BUCHAREST 3657 OF OCTOBER 3, 1972

1. SUMMARY: AMONG RECENT SERIES OF PROVINCIAL SPEECHES, CEAUSESCU'S SPEECH OF OCTOBER 30 IN CLUJ IS OF MORE THAN PASSING INTEREST--IN PART BECAUSE THIS TOWN IS HEART OF TRANSYLVANIA REGION--BUT MORE CONCRETELY BECAUSE CEAUSESCU HAD REMOVED ITS TOP OFFICIALS LAST SPRING AND STILL SEEMS MORE THAN USUALLY CRITICAL OF THE CLUJ AREA'S ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE. HIS CONTINUING CRITICISM SEEMED COUPLED, HOWEVER, WITH A DESIRE TO PLACATE THE LOCAL PARTY ORGANIZATION WHICH IS PROBABLY SOMEWHAT RESENTFUL OF THE WAY IT HAS BEEN TREATED BY THE CENTRAL LEADERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. CEAUSESCU DELIVERED IMPORTANT SPEECH IN CLUJ OCTOBER 30 AS PART OF HIS CURRENT SERIES OF "WORKING VISITS" TO MAJOR PROVINCIAL CENTERS TO URGE EARLY PLAN FULFILLMENT. WHILE COMPLIMENTAING CERTAIN SPECIFIC INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL UNITS FOR THEIR GOOD PERFORMANCE, PRESIDENT EMPHASIZED NEED FOR MUCH BETTER RESULTS FROM CLUJ JUDET AS WHOLE IF PLAN IS TO BE FULFILLED SIGNIFICANTLY AHEAD OF TIME. STRESSING
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THAT CLUJ HAS MATERIAL AND MANPOWER PREREQUISITES FOR BETTER PRODUCTION RECORD, CEAUSESCU BLAMED ORGANIZATIONAL SHORTCOMINGS IN PARTY AND PRODUCTION UNITS, INSUFFICIENT UTILIZATION OF PRODUCT ON CAPACITY, AND ERRORS IN EDUCATION AND RESEARCH FOR FAILURE TO PRODUCE BETTER RESULTS.

3. THERE WAS LITTLE DOUBT THAT CEAUSESCU HAD CLEARLY IN MIND HIS VISIT TO CLUJ IN OCTOBER 1972 WHEN HE SOUGHT, BUT FAILED TO GET, A PROMISE FROM THEN-PARTY BOSS AUREL DUCA TO FULFILL THE FIVE YEAR PLAN IN FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS OR OF THE SUBSEQUENT TWO TRANSFERS OF DUCA (HE IS NOW AMBASSADOR TO POLAND) THAT LED TO HIS REMOVAL FROM THE PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (THERE WERE OTHER CHANGES IN THE TP LEADERSHIP OF THE CLUJ AREA AS WELL THEREAFTER). CEAUSESCU NOTED, IN FACT, THAT "SOME MODIFICATIONS" IN THE CLUJ LEADERSHIP HAD TAKEN PLACE "WHICH THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE HAD CONSIDERED NECESSARY." NEVERTHELESS, CEAUSESCU SEEMED TO BE LEANING OVER BACKWARDS TO STRESS THAT HE HAD A HIGH REGARD FOR THE CLUJ PARTY ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE AND TO LEAVEN HIS CRITICISM OF ECONOMIC AND OTHER SHORTCOMINGS WITH A SHOW OF CONFIDENCE THAT IT WILL MEASURE HEREAFTER. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CEAUSESCU DID NOT REFER TO THE FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEAR COMMITMENT WITH WHICH HE HAD BELABORED DUCA-- AND OTHERS--THE YEAR BEFORE; THIS SLOGAN HAS BEEN QUIETLY SHELVED SINCE LATE 1972 ALTHOUGH CEAUSESCU SOMETIMES COMES FORTH WITH OTHER FORMULATIONS THAT SHOW A LINGERING INTEREST IN ITS RESURRECTION IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

4. CEAUSESCU ALSO CALLED ATTENTION, IN IMPRECISE WAY, TO NATIONALITY PROBLEM IN CLUJ JUDET. WITHOUT SPECIFYING WHAT THE DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA HAVE BEEN, HE MENTIONED THE NEED FOR ALL WORKING PEOPLE OF CLUJ, REGARDLESS OF NATIONALITY, TO UNITE THEIR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE COMMON GOALS AND SAID THAT RESULTS OBTAINED, WHETHER GOOD OR INSUFFICIENT, ARE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL CITIZENS.

5. SPEECH CONCLUDED WITH STANDARD STATEMENTS ON ME CONFLICT AND OTHER FOREIGN POLICY QUESTIONS.
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